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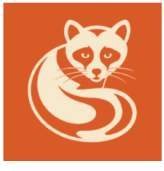

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Some guys in Charlie Mess on HMAS Vampire taught me to play 500 as a young sailor in the Royal Australian Navy. I was bloody useless, and even though they made fun of me, I improved over time. Later, I discovered that this was the game that my grandparents, parents, aunties, and uncles would be playing as I lay in bed as a young boy, listening to them in the lounge room, making calls like ten no trumps, six hearts, and eight diamonds.

I joined in for the first time as a young adult while on leave from the Navy, and since then, I can't remember not playing at least a couple of games on every visit.

I taught my children to play, which resulted in some fantastic beach vacations. However, when we played, one thing was always missing: a proper scoring book. We had to scribble our scores on a notepad, the back of an envelope or something similar, which did the trick, but only just.

When playing 500, great hands are won, as well as some stupid mistakes made. I once saw a mate make an open misere call that would have won him the game. The only issue for him was that he became confused and kept the joker (bird). The pack's highest-scoring card, and as you know, in misere, you must lose every hand. It still makes me laugh when I think about it. Anyway, this 500 Scoring Book should last you a while and help you keep track of all your games. I'm sure you'll be able to look back through the pages, remember those moments, and have a laugh as well.

Regards

Will Mayberry

Example

Xmas at Dad and Mum's 10-Jan-21

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	Bill & Linda		Billy & Rob	
Bill	100	6 H	40	
Linda	-40	7D	90	
Billy	-10		230	7S
Rob	30		330	6H
Bill	50		-30	9C
Linda	50		470	OM
Billy	150	6H	470	
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